

To Whom it May Concern,I received XM Satellite Radio for my birthday some months ago and have not gone back to listening to regular broadcast since. The variety and quality of music and channels, including weather and traffic, are impressive. In fact, since I've had the XM Radio in my vehicle, I haven't even listened to CDs.

How can the National Association of Broadcasters and Congress dictate the contents of what I pay to listen to? That seems to me to go completely against the idea of free-speech and American business all together. The listeners, those who subscribe to the service, should be the only ones with a voice regarding what they do and do not want to hear.

Those of us who live in congested, urban areas, benefit from traffic reports. Why should it be that only TV and radio stations on the AM/FM bands should be allowed to broadcast these reports? The idea of government interfering in my right to purchase a service is unnerving, at the very least. Please consider your stance on the NBA's petition 04-160 and realize the precedent that you would be setting if you allow this to pass. Freedom of speech is something that we hold dear in this country. I never thought that I would have to argue for that freedom when it comes to something as innocent as a public service such as who may or may not air traffic and weather.

Sincerely,

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